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the body will remain intact on this. Being new in politics, I don't consider myself a wild spender. I've got a couple of bills up there that do require some money and I am going to be on the block with some people, mainly some people dealing with mental retarded programs who need the money to carry on their programs and I very much believe in the bills that I have but I am willing to sacrifice that. I certainly am. It is a tough decision but I think that if we are to remain progressive, we are going to have to again return to the people through this type of action and get the mandate from them. Education through the media, through our actions, individually, collectively here don't seem to do the job. And it is for this reason, then, that I am going to go along with this idea and hope that the message gets to the people and let's return to them, then, for the action. We, individually, 49 of us are confronted by people in our districts who have need of state money to run their programs. Each time for the past two years we have done it, and each time we are criticized by the Governor, and I find that I can't reach 33,000 people individually enough to explain the difference to them. So, I am going to go along and say all right. Let's adopt the Governor's bill. Let's try it his way this time. I don't believe in it but I am going to allow myself to watch it and to see if it works and, the, a year hence, to see if this really is what the people want. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich, I had indicated you were next but I just discovered that Senator Richard Lewis has had a malfunction back there and he apparently had no way of notifying me and apparently my Board up here did not respond to his triggering of his light. So, would you yield to Senator Richard Lewis, and then Senator Goodrich, and then Senator Nore, then Burbach, Stahmer. OK. Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR RICHARD LEWIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I, too, would like to support Senator Carpenter's amendment or his motion. I think that if we have an opportunity to give the people a little reduction in taxes, an opportunity to ease this tax load of the public, I really think we have an obligation to do this and I think we ought to do more than just pay lip service and keep supporting this bill right on across the Board.

PRESIDENT: The chair next recognizes Senator Goodrich, then Nore.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, I, too, would like to support Senator Carpenter's motion. The only trouble is we had better take a second look at it. LB 257 happens to be resting, waiting for final approval by this body. The way the motion says right now we would not pass 257 but we would pass 259 and go home. The only trouble is the minute we do that, state government in the state of Nebraska stops the minute we go home, or actually it would stop July 1st because LB 257 pays the salaries, \$1,700,000..751,000, of state officers and if you want them to all go home too just pass Senator Carpenter's motion in the present form and state government will stop the minute July 1st rolls around.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and fellow members, I support the Carpenter motion. I sat on the Budget Committee and I asked Mr. Oberg who is one of the fiscal analyst for the Governor if he could live with 259 and he was real happy to be able to live with it. He said he could live with it real happily, that is, the Governor and his